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REMARKS

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1. The following air activity was observed at Merseburg airfield between 13 and 17 July 1953:

13 July. Between 7:40 a.m. and 6 p.m., swept-back jet fighters practiced formation flying. There was a 8/10 overcast. Between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m., a few take-offs were made.

14 July. Individual flights were made between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. During this time the sky was 3/10 overcast.

15 July. Between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., flying was practiced by formations of twos and fours. There was a 3/10 overcast and good visibility.

16 July. Between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., the same air activity as on the preceding day was observed. There were no clouds.

17 July. Between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., individual local flights were made in cloudless weather. There was light air activity between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m.

2. 13 July. Between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., flying was practiced by swept-back jet fighters, some of which also executed dives.

14 July. Individual flights were made during which time the degree of cloudiness changed.

15 July. At about 7 p.m., 12 MIG-15s were observed at the field. Throughout the day, the same air activity as on the preceding days was observed.

16 July. There was air activity by formations of two and four planes throughout the day, during which the sky was 5/10 overcast.

17 July. Light air activity was conducted between 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Comment. Merseburg airfield is believed to have still been occupied by a fighter division headquarters and a fighter regiment. A large portion of the aircraft are probably parked in the hangars.

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